THE
CASE and Humble Petition
OF THE
Hard Cake and White Soap Makers,

Sheweth,

THAT, If Hard Cake and White Soap, (which is made in moſt Parts of *Great Britain)* be diſcourag'd, by being Charged with a greater Duty than Green Soap, it will put People upon making and uſing Bucks, Aſh-Balls, and other Commodities, to avoid the uſe of Soap, and thereby the QUEEN will loſe the Duties, which Soap in General will otherwiſe raiſe.

THAT hard Cake and White Soap, was made ſome Hundred Years before ever any Green Soap was Invented; and is of great Benefit to the Poor, and beyond all other ſorts advantageous to the Woollen Manufacture; the Price of white Barrel, or ſoft Soap, being but about Two Pence *per* Pound, and the beſt Green, or Crown Soap, more than double the Price.

THAT Hard Cake and White Soap, are Goods that will keep, and are fit to be Exported to any of Her Majeſty's Iſlands or Plantations, which Green Soap is not, ſo that it will be infinitely more advantageous to the Nation, to encourage thoſe Commodities, that are likely mightily to increaſe Trade to Foreign Parts, than Green Soap which cannot.

THAT the Deſign of the Green Soap-Makers, in endeavouring to procure a Higher Duty to be laid upon Hard Cake and White Soap, than upon Green Soap, is not for the advantage of the Government, but totally to Ruin and Demoliſh the Original Trade of Hard Cake and White Soap-Makers in *Britain*, who make no other Soap, which muſt unavoidably enſue, if an Halfpenny *per* Pound be laid upon thoſe Commodities, more than on Green Soap.

THAT there is not one Commodity or Ingredient Imported, and uſed in making Green Soap, (except Fiſh-Oil, the Smell of which is very Nauſeous and Unwholeſom) but what is uſed in Hard Cake and White Soap, *viz.* Lime, Olive Oil, Tallow, *Turkey* Aſhes, *Spaniſh* Aſhes, Weed Aſhes from *Germany*, *Barilla* from *Alicant*, &c. and *Engliſh* Pot Aſhes; the Soil of Goods from which the laſt are made, Enriches the Lands about where they are made, exceedingly.

THAT the greateſt Quantity of Green Soap ſold, is a ſort made of Kitchen Stuff, Hemp and Rapeſeed Oils that are made in *England*, and pay no Duties at all; and not of Foreign Hemp and Rapeſeed Oils, that pay ſuch Duties, as the Green Soap-Makers Inſinuate; which ſort of Green Soap, has always been Sold very near as Cheap as White Barrel Soap; and when a Peace is Concluded, will be Sold Cheaper than any Hard Cake and White Soap can be made, if an extraordinary Duty be laid thereon.

Therefore Your Petitioners, in Behalf of Themſelves, and all other Makers of Hard Cake and White Soap in Great Britain, *Humbly Pray, That the Green Soap-Makers, may not obtain the laying of an Halfpenny* per *Pound, upon Hard Cake and White Soap, more than on Green Soap, to the great Prejudice of Her Majeſty's Subjects in General, the Woollen Manufacture in particular, and utter Ruin of all the Makers of Hard Cake and White Soap: But Humbly hope in Your great Wiſdom, and Juſtice, You will lay no higher Duties on Hard Cake and White Barrel Soap made in* Great Britain, *than on Green Soap.*

And your Petitioners ſhall ever Pray, &c.

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